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Irate Citizens Ask Relief from Blowing Carbon Dust Clouds



ASK COUNCIL INTERVENTION—Homeowners from North Torrance Tuesday petitioned the city council for relief from clouds of blowing carbon dust which blanket their area each time the wind rises. Here George Lucien, Neal Cress and Mrs. Robert Cathcart show some of the material that has settled, in some places a quarter of an inch deep, on homes,

yards, furniture and children. Council established a committee of officials, homeowners, industrial management, and air pollution control officers to study the problem and submit a report within 30 days. Material is pure carbon, a by-product of oil refining, and is kept in uncovered stacks in local industrial areas.

Charge Sifting Material Is Not Protected from Winds

Irate citizens living near the heavily industrialized areas of North Torrance crowded into city council chambers Tuesday evening to ask relief from clouds of blowing carbon dust in their neighborhoods. Commercial manufacturers of coke which maintain huge stacks of the soft black carbon also sent representatives to the council meeting to explain their concern at the problem and their efforts to combat it. Although the clinging black material has been a source of irritation to local homeowners for several years, last week's windstorm, which blew swirls of carbon dust over the entire area, brought the issue to the boiling point.

OFFENDER
Apparent major offender was Great Lakes Carbon Company, which purchases the material from the Mobil Oil Refinery at the rate of about 1300 tons per day. A. E. Thompson, manager of the Mobil Oil refinery, reported that the material is a by-product of the refinery, and while waiting to be sold, is piled in a huge stack on the refinery grounds. Every conceivable method to keep the material from blowing around is utilized, he said, but none seems to be 100 percent effective. Councilman Nickolas Drule, noting that the stack is in excess of 50 feet in height, suggested that the

size of the pile might be reduced. Homeowners, represented by George Lucien, Neal Cress and Mrs. Robert Cathcart, offered in evidence containers of the material removed from rugs and floors where it had sifted, sections of ruined rugs, and blighted plants from their yards. **AIR IS FILLED**
Lucien, of 2429 Del Amo Blvd., said that when the slightest breeze sprang up the air was filled with the material, which coated houses, property, automobiles and children. In spite of every precaution, he said, the stuff sifts into every home, coating furniture and walls. Mrs. Cathcart, 2300 Del

Amo, said that housewives found it impossible to do laundry and keep their homes and children clean. She also mentioned that local homeowners have instituted civil suits against the companies. In an attempt to find a solution to the problem the Council appointed a committee composed of Wade Peebles, of the public works department, City Manager George Stevens, George Turner of the APCD, Lucien, Thompson and one other resident, yet to be named. Committee will hold their first meeting within five days and will present a complete report to the Council within 30 days.

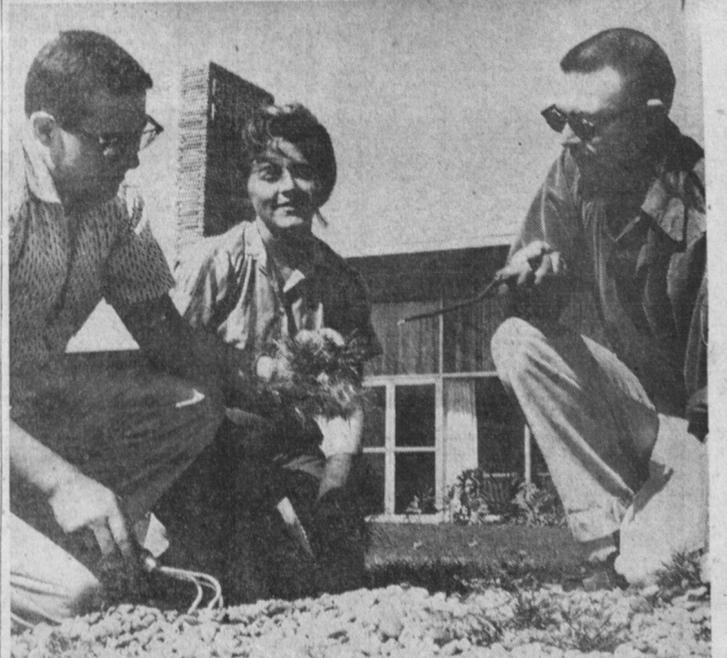
Lutheran Group Takes Over 'New' Riviera Hospital

Management of the Riviera Community Hospital in Torrance was assumed yesterday by the Lutheran Hospital Society, it was announced by the board of directors of the local facility. The society has assigned Dean Crowder to manage the Torrance haven, which has been purchased by a group of area physicians for operation on a non-profit basis. Management of the hospital by the association is being done under a contract with the new owners of Riviera Community Hospital. Crowder, 30, comes here from Sharpe Memorial Hospital in San Diego, where he has held a supervisory position for the past three years. A native of Fresno, Crowder was graduated from the University of California and received his master's degree in hospital administration from Emory (Ga.) University.

NEW LOOK
Meanwhile, the new owners have launched a sprucing-up campaign at the hospital. The "new look" effort was marked over the week-end when more than a score of doctors, their families and members of their staffs toiled with rakes, hoes, trowels and wheel-barrows to improve the grounds of the hospital at 4025 W. 226th Street. Forty physicians banded together to purchase the three-year-old, 93-bed facility for \$1,200,000.

Street Project

Improvement of Berendo Avenue, between 204th St. and Milton St. will begin this week, according to Supervisor Burton W. Chace.



SPRUCING UP HOSPITAL—Dr. Joseph Scallion, Mrs. Gerson Jacobson and Dr. Robert L. Cook dig out weeds from the grounds of Riviera Community Hospital. They were among more than a score of physicians,

their families and staff members who pitched in over the weekend to refurbish the haven, recently taken over by a group of doctors to be operated as a non-profit facility.

PROVIDE MEDICAL CARE . . .

South Bay Hospital Auxiliary Slates Memorial Fund Honoring Former Director

A memorial fund has been set up at South Bay Hospital in honor of the late Clyde Marsh, a prominent South Bay civic leader and former director of the South Bay Hospital District, it was announced Tuesday by Mrs. Donald M. Dennie, president of South Bay Hospital Auxiliary. Fund will be known as the "Clyde Marsh Memorial Fund" and will be used to provide hospitalization for

persons unable to afford it. Two South Bay children already have received needed surgery through the fund and donation of a doctor's time, Mrs. Dennie said. Although the Auxiliary has set up the Fund and will replenish it in the event contributions are not sufficient, it will be administered by the hospital administration. Applications will be initiated through

doctors and the hospital administrator's office, she said. Donations may be directed to "Clyde Marsh Fund, South Bay Hospital, 514 N. Prospect Ave., Redondo Beach." **PROMPTED BY DEATH**
Establishment of the Fund was prompted by the recent death of Marsh's widow, Mrs. Genevieve (Peggy) Marsh, of 217 Ave. G, Redondo Beach. Marsh died approximately a year ago. At that time, he had served on the South Bay Hospital District Board of Directors since its creation five years prior. During that time he had served a term as the Board's president.

Trumpet Soloist To Guest With Local Youth Band

Leonard B. Smith, cornet-trumpet virtuoso, will appear as guest artist with the Torrance Area Youth Band in a concert to be presented on Sunday afternoon, March 12, at 4 p.m., in the El Camino College campus theater. This will mark the initial appearance of Smith in Southern California and his only concert here this season. At the age of 19, Smith was engaged as cornet-trumpet soloist with the world famous Goldman Band of New York City. He later became first trumpeter with the Detroit Symphony and the Ford Sunday Evening Hour Orchestra. During the war years he played solo cornet with the United States Navy Band in Washington D.C.

At the present time Smith leads his own Belle Isle Band in Detroit and spends much of his time performing with bands and orchestras throughout the United States and Canada. His cornet-trumpet virtuosity is recorded on RCA Victor, Bandland, and Grand Award's Artist Series labels. Tickets for this concert are being sold by the members of the Youth Band and by members of the Junior Youth Band. Tickets can also be obtained at the box office just prior to the concert.

\$10,000 LOSS . . .

Weekend Fire Destroys Furniture Company Plant

A Torrance furniture manufacturing concern was almost completely destroyed last weekend in a two alarm fire at 316 Arlington Ave. Preliminary estimates of damage indicated that the cost of the fire might exceed \$10,000. Fire broke out over the weekend in the Stanley Frame Co. plant and destroyed more than 75 percent of the 15,000 square foot structure. Origin of the fire could not be determined, although arson investigators are sifting through the ashes looking for the cause. Fire broke out in piles of lumber used for manufacturing

hardwood frames for furniture. Three engine companies, an aerial ladder truck and a rescue crew battled the blaze for more than an hour in an all-out effort to keep it from spreading. Although damage was extensive, fire did not spread to a rear section of the building where finished frames were stored.

ACCIDENT ROUNDUP . . .

Torrance Lists Third Traffic Death As Motorcyclist Rams Pole, Brick Wall

Third Torrance traffic fatality of the year was registered last weekend when Darrell Isbell, 26, a resident of Wilmington, died at Little Company of Mary Hospital Sunday. Isbell, who was driving a motorcycle, lost control of the vehicle Saturday night and crashed into a telephone pole and a brick wall. Scene of the accident was the intersection of 190th St. and Cranbrook, only a few blocks from 190th and Prairie, where the city's second traffic fatality occurred two days before. Isbell was married but had no children. He was

employed as a treater at a local refinery. **GIRL HURT**
In a second accident in

SCHOOL BONDS

Sale of \$1,000,000 worth of bonds, to keep the district eligible for more state loan money and to provide funds for the first unit of West High School, was authorized by the Torrance Board of Education Tuesday. More building funds are needed due to retirement of old bonds and because bids will be let for the first unit of West High School within the next few weeks. West High is slated to open in September, 1962.

West Torrance, a 3-year-old girl was hospitalized with critical injuries after she was struck by an automobile at the corner of 223rd and Meyler. Sandra Jane Fagan, 1109 W. Jay St., Torrance, was taken to Harbor General Hospital, where physicians said that she suffered a concussion, skull fracture, severe head lacerations and internal injuries. Investigating officers said that the youngster apparently ran into the street and was hit by an auto driven by James W. Roper, 31, of 1024 W. 225th St., Torrance. No citation was issued to Roper.